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Joint Legislative Committee on Local Government Attention: Committee Chairs North Carolina General Assembly 16 West Jones Street Raleigh, NC 27601 Fiscal Research Division Attention: Director North Carolina General Assembly 300 North Salisbury St., Suite 610 Raleigh, NC 27603

Notice to the Joint Legislative Committee on Local Government— <u>Proposed financing by North Carolina Municipal Power Agency 1</u>

To the Committee:

I am the Chief Financial Officer of North Carolina Municipal Power Agency 1, a joint agency formed pursuant to Chapter 159B of the North Carolina General Statutes (the "Power Agency"). It is my understanding that this Committee, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Sections 120-157.1 and 120-157.2, has been established to review and monitor, with certain exceptions, local government capital projects that are required to go before the North Carolina Local Government Commission (the "LGC"), and require debt to be issued in an amount exceeding \$1,000,000. Although the Power Agency is not a local government, as that term is used in Section 120-157.2, we are providing you the information below as a courtesy.

Power Agency expects to seek approval from the LGC at its June 2, 2015 meeting for the issuance of up to \$595 million of revenue bonds to support NCMPA1's long-term rate plan. The issuance will include a combination of new money for capital additions for its ownership interest at the Catawba Plant, the refunding of certain bonds for debt service savings and the refinancing of a portion of existing debt to levelize the debt amortization schedule. The capital additions are necessary to meet regulatory requirements and to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the Catawba Plant. The levelization of a portion of the existing debt will improve asset/liability matching while enhancing the Power Agency's competitive wholesale position with Duke Energy Carolina.

Purpose of the Projects	To improve the output and efficiency of the Catawba Nuclear Plant, achieve debt service savings, to improve asset/liability matching and to improve the Power Agency's competitive position.
Scope of the Projects	Power Supply improvements and debt levelization
Debt Requirements of the Projects	\$595,000,000
Means of Financing the Projects	Revenue Bonds
Source of Repayment for the Projects	Revenue from power sales to the Power Agency's
	member cities

Power Agency's issuance of the revenue bonds is subject to the approval of the LGC. The revenue bonds, when and if issued, will be secured only by payments from the Power Agency's member cities to Power Agency under their Project Power Sales Agreements. Neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the State of North Carolina or of any Power Agency member city is pledged for the payment of the revenue bonds.

Sincerely,

Tim Tunis

Chief Financial Officer

Greg Gaskins, Secretary of the LGC (also by first-class mail)
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